

HOUSE BILL No. 1088

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-23-29.

Synopsis: Children's coordinated services commission. Establishes the children's coordinated services commission to coordinate and oversee children's services.

Effective: Upon passage.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-23-29 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON
3 PASSAGE]:

4 **Chapter 29. Children's Coordinated Services Commission**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the**
6 **children's coordinated services commission established by section**
7 **2 of this chapter.**

8 **Sec. 2. (a) The children's coordinated services commission is**
9 **established.**

10 **(b) The commission shall oversee and aid in the coordination of**
11 **activities of state agencies that use state or federal funding to**
12 **provide services for pregnant women, children, and families of**
13 **pregnant women and children.**

14 **Sec. 3. (a) The commission consists of the following members:**

15 **(1) The commissioner of the state department of health or the**
16 **commissioner's designee.**

17 **(2) The secretary of family and social services or the**

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secretary's designee.

(3) The state superintendent of public instruction or the state superintendent's designee.

(4) Twelve (12) members, to be appointed by the governor, each of whom has an interest in at least one (1) of the following:

(A) Early childhood:

(i) care;

(ii) nutrition;

(iii) growth;

(iv) development; and

(v) education.

(B) Child care.

(C) Child advocacy.

(D) Parenting support.

(E) Maternal and child health.

(F) Children with special needs.

In making the appointments under subdivision (4), the governor shall consider the political, geographic, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity of the state.

(b) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, each representing a different political party, shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives as advisers to the commission.

(c) Two (2) members of the senate, each representing a different political party, shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate as advisers to the commission.

(d) The individuals appointed under subsections (b) and (c) are not members of the commission.

Sec. 4. (a) Members of the commission appointed under section 3(a)(4) of this chapter serve for a term of four (4) years.

(b) A member may be reappointed.

(c) If a vacancy occurs, the governor shall make an appointment to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

(d) The members of the commission shall annually elect a chairperson of the commission.

(e) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members of the commission are required for the commission to take action, including annual reports. A vacancy in the membership of the commission does not impair the right of a quorum to exercise the rights and perform the duties of the commission.

Sec. 5. (a) The commission shall meet quarterly and at the call

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1 of the chairperson.

2 (b) The commission may form subcommittees, including
3 individuals who:

4 (1) are not members of the commission; and

5 (2) may be employees of corporations, state educational
6 institutions, other state agencies, nonprofit organizations, and
7 other entities;

8 as necessary to accomplish the work of the commission.

9 Sec. 6. (a) The governor shall appoint a director who serves as
10 secretary of the commission and chief administrative officer for the
11 commission. The director:

12 (1) serves at the governor's pleasure;

13 (2) serves the commission in a full-time capacity; and

14 (3) may not engage in or have an interest in a business or an
15 activity that may create a conflict of interest.

16 (b) The governor shall fix the salary of the director with the
17 approval of the budget agency.

18 Sec. 7. Subject to the approval of the governor, the director may
19 do the following:

20 (1) Employ staff necessary to advise and assist the commission
21 as required by this chapter.

22 (2) Fix compensation of staff according to policies of the
23 budget agency and the state personnel department.

24 (3) Establish policies, procedures, standards, and criteria
25 necessary to carry out the duties of the staff of the
26 commission.

27 Sec. 8. The oversight and coordination duties of the commission
28 include the following:

29 (1) Expansion of current successful initiatives to:

30 (A) integrate early childhood services and expand
31 collaborative partnerships with business, education,
32 human services, health, mental health, and other entities to
33 support early learning; and

34 (B) address the developmental needs of children, including
35 health care, nutrition, education, child care, prevention of
36 abuse and neglect, and other human services.

37 (2) Prevention of duplication of services.

38 (3) Beginning July 1, 2005:

39 (A) collection of data concerning; and

40 (B) measurement of results of;

41 initiatives, services, and programs intended to address the
42 developmental needs of children, including early learning and

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1 school readiness strategies.

2 (4) Promotion of strategic planning and cooperation:

3 (A) between governmental entities; and

4 (B) between government and private entities;

5 to address the needs of children.

6 (5) Review of funding used by state agencies for children's
7 services and recommendations to the governor concerning the
8 funding.

9 Sec. 9. Members of the commission and subcommittees shall
10 serve without compensation.

11 Sec. 10. The commission shall annually submit a report to the
12 governor and the general assembly in an electronic format under
13 IC 5-14-6 concerning the commission's:

14 (1) activities during the previous year;

15 (2) accomplishment of annual goals and objectives;

16 (3) goals and objectives for the succeeding year; and

17 (4) recommendations.

18 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) Members of the
19 commission established under IC 4-23-29, as added by this act,
20 shall be appointed not later than July 1, 2004.

21 (b) The chairperson of the commission established under
22 IC 4-23-29, as added by this act, shall call a meeting of the
23 commission not later than September 1, 2004.

24 (c) This SECTION expires January 1, 2005.

25 SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

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